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Summits on the Air from Mt. Washington, NH

On Saturday, July 18th, the WS1SM team ventured to the summit of Mt. Washington, NH, to activate it for Summits on the Air (SOTA). The activation of W1/HA-001 ran concurrently with the W1V 10th Anniversary Special Event, which took place for two weeks during the summer... ***Read Full Story***

2020 SKYWARN Recognition Day Review

As was the case with many of this year's activities, the pandemic decided to throw a wrench into SKYWARN™ Recognition Day, a 20-plus year old tradition that was jointly developed by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League to celebrate... ***Read Full Story***

A Culture of Connection

Although most of what we read about in ham radio literature is heavily weighted toward the technical side of things, it doesn't paint the whole picture... ***Read Full Story***

2020 ARRL Field Day Results

SCARBOROUGH, ME – On the weekend of June 27-28, the WS1SM team participated in their 10th ARRL Field Day from Wassamki Springs Campground, in Scarborough... ***Read Full Story***

2020 Maine Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

On Saturday, October 24th, members of the Wireless Society of Southern Maine Emergency Communications Team (WSSM-ECT), which meets monthly in Scarborough, participated in a statewide drill to test their communications capabilities... ***Read Full Story***

2020 ILLW from Owls Head Lighthouse

In August, the WS1SM team activated Owls Head Lighthouse, in Owls Head, Maine,

for 2020 International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW)... ***Read Full Story***

Upcoming Meetings / Events

*1/14/2021 - **Monthly Meeting** - 7pm via Free Conference Call*
*1/21/2021 - **Meeting on the Air** - 7pm on 147.090 repeater*
*1/28/2021 - **ECT Training Net** - 7pm on the 147.090*
*2/11/2021 - **Monthly Meeting** - 7pm via Free Conference Call*
*2/18/2021 - **Meeting on the Air** - 7pm on 147.090 repeater*
*2/25/2021 - **ECT Training Net** - 7pm on the 147.090*

QSL Corner

Above is a QSL for a report by Tim KB1HNZ on 9395 kHz, from 0130-0155 UTC, on 10 December 2019.

DX News

Our last issue left off just prior to the ARRL International DX SSB and CQ WPX contests, which saw several participants QRV from rare entities. In the weeks that followed, DXpeditions such as VP8PJ (South Orkney Island), H33K (Panama), 9J2LA (Zambia), 3B9AN (Rodrigues Island), TU2R (Ivory Coast), and VU4R (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) filled up the calendar, but with uncertainties emerging around the COVID-19 pandemic, several of the planned DXPeditions in the months ahead were either cancelled or postponed.

Among those affected were the Nara DX Association's V6J IOTA DXpedition to Murilo Island in the Hall Islands. Travel restrictions imposed on individuals entering American Samoa as a result of the coronavirus outbreak caused Swains Island W8S DXpedition organizers to postpone that DXpedition until later in the year. A mostly German team, cancelled their planned DXpedition to Djibouti, which was supposed to take place in early spring. Others include the JX0X (Jan Mayen) and 3Y0I (Bouvet Island) DXpeditions, and most recently, the F6KOP team announced the cancellation of their planned 2021 DXpedition to Guinea.

Despite all the challenges, there are still some DXpeditions taking place, including YI9WS (Iraq), 5T7OO (Mauritania), and JD1BMH (Ogasawara) through the end of December, and CP1XRM (Bolivia) from January 9-26, and 8Q7CQ (Maldives) from January 14-29.

*For up-to-date news about reported DXPeditions, click here, to read the latest **425 DX News** Bulletin.*

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